

# WØMTL - **Mark Twain Land Area News** - WØKEM

## FEBRUARY 2008

### HARC OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT: HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW**  
**V-PRES: J.D. SINCLAIR, WØAJD**  
**SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL**  
**TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL**  
**TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA**  
**EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday  
 March 12, - 2008 at 7:30 PM**

(Notice: due to dinner in Feb. we will not have the usual meeting.)

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.  
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

### FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2008

#### Hannibal, MO ARC 2008 Exam Dates

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, July 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arrl.net or 573-221-8618.

The 2008 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are

claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

### HARC ANNUAL DINNER/ GET TOGETHER-- FEBRUARY 9TH, 2008

We are going to have the clubs annual dinner/get together on Saturday February 9th, 2008 at the Golden Corral in Hannibal, starting at 6:00 PM. We have reserved a non smoking room, up in the front on the left hand side. The members and their guests are responsible for paying for their own meals. If you plan on attending please let Fred-KBØWIL know, so we can have an approximate head count.

**Note:** We are **NOT** going to have our regular scheduled meeting in February 2008.

### **HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES**

**By Fred Miller, KBØWIL**

### DATE: JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo.63401

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:

Howie- KØDFW EI Presidente

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES IN NEWSLETTER:

Date of previous meeting: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Motion to approve:

Jack-W9CHG

Seconded by: J.D.-WØAJD

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Tony-WØPGL

Cash- \$ 992.12    CD-\$ 1,215.38    Total-\$ 2,207.50

Motion to approve: Cliff-K0CA      Seconded by:  
Jack-WD9CHG

**REPEATER REPORT:** Fred-KB0WIL

The 625 repeater has intermittent trouble with the squelch opening up. Fred-KB0WIL has turned up the squelch control on the GE radio. We will see if this helps. The trouble could be, with another repeater breaking the squelch or a very weak station in the distance trying to access the repeater or even atmospheric conditions. We will keep monitoring the repeater and inform you of any new developments. The 880 repeater is working great.

**GERATOL NET:**

J.D.-W0AJD has already worked all 50 states on Eighty meters using the club call of W0MTL. Good work J.D. He will bring in the certificate to show the club at the next meeting we have.

**HARC Supper/Get together February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Don't forget the HARC is going to have our annual supper on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 6:00 PM at the Golden Corral, Hannibal MO. We will be setting up front in the non smoking section. The cost of the meal is to be paid by the club members and their guests. The club is not responsible for the meals.

**Note: No club meeting in February!!!****SPECIAL EVENT: K9P -2008**

The HARC is going to have a special event (K9P) on April 24<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the redneck retreat of Carol & Nancy Bartlett Barry, IL. We have done this event for several years; it's always a lot of fun. This event is listed in the April QST special events section.

Carol & Nancy are gracious hosts, well Nancy is anyway. If we can get Coonie to keep Carol in line, we will have it made.

Motion to approve: Jack-WD9CHG

Seconded by: Mel-KC0HYY

**FIELD DAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> –JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> 2008:**

We will once again be operating the HARC Field Day, June 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The operating command center will be at Huckleberry Park, Hannibal Mo. at the pavilion, close to the fire

station. We will keep you updated in regards to the equipment, supplies, computers, etc, we will be using. Reservations have been appropriated.

**HARC Barbeque: Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

We voted to have the club barbeque again this year. This year we will be having it at the Huckleberry Park pavilion. More information will follow in the upcoming newsletters. Reservations have been appropriated.

**HARC REPEATER COMMITTEE 2008:**

The following members are the repeater committee for 2008 in the HARC. Cliff-K0CA, Howie-K0DFW, Tony-W0PGL, J.D.-W0AJD, Jack-WD9CHG and Fred-KB0WIL.

**HARC 2008 Dues!!!!**

The HARC dues for 2008 are now due; please pay Tony-W0PGL. He will be glad to take your money. Please pay by March 1<sup>st</sup>, if you don't pay by then, you will be taken off of the club roster.

50/50 Winner: The winner of the 50/50 was J.D.-W0AJD and he donated it back to the club. Thanks, J.D. the club appreciates it.

**VE TESTING:**

Tonight we had (3) applicants to take the exams. Good luck to those taking the exams.

**NEW MEMBER:**

Tonight we voted in Ray Melhorn-W9MXM to the HARC. Thanks for joining the club.

Motion to approve: Cliff-K0CA

Seconded by: Don-KC0RML

Number of members present: 15

Number of guests: 5

Total in attendance: 20

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion made by: Cliff-K0CA

Seconded by: Don-KC0RML

Minutes of the meeting as recorded by: Fred-KBOWIL.....Secretary...

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK  
FEBRUARY 2008  
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW**



Well to say the least "I'm back!" You don't know what you are putting yourself in for getting me back into office again. But here I am! I have a lot of things that I have thrown at the membership to digest at the last meeting. We need to get some activities back into the club to see if we can build up some interest. One of the first things that I want "everyone" to participate in is getting our membership back up. I realize that we have lost some members as silent keys lately but we also have had a lot of new hams come into the doors testing, and walking out with their tickets. That is when we need to really work on them getting involved in the club, and especially hit them with the "first year free membership for new hams deal". We just need to get the word out. We will not have a February meeting, but we are having a supper at the Golden Corral Restaurant here in Hannibal at 6:00 pm on February 9. We will be giving out door prizes and some other awards and we are going to have a good time getting together with all our ham friends so bring your families and other ham friends too! You don't have to be a HARC club member to attend this event! This is going to be a good time for all. Time to kick back and enjoy each other's company.

We are going to activate K9P again this year in April with the International Practical Shooting Association having its big pistol tournament in Barry, Ill.

We will be broadcasting from the famed "Redneck Retreat" compliments of WA9EFV Carol and Nancy his wife as host. We had a great time there last year, and we hope to do the same this year. So attend the March meeting for more details on this manner.

We will be doing field day this year in June and we will be having a Club Bar b que in August at the Huckleberry Park. This proved a lot of fun last year and should be this year as well.

We talked about seeing if we can run a marine station on the Mark Twain Riverboat this

July and we are in the planning stages of this as well so stay tuned for more info on this manner as well.

I want to have some programs at our meetings so if anyone has anything of interest that would take about 20 to 30 minutes to present please contact me and we will schedule you in with a program. I have a couple of ideas for upcoming meetings in the future. Stay tuned and we will be letting you know.

I want the club members to get more involved in the special events. No one has to be a "contester" to run one of these stations for a ½ hour of hour and I think that once you try it you will find it is very enjoyable to do.

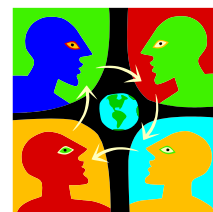
We can make this club as enjoyable as you want it! It is up to you to make it fun. We need your participation to make it fun. If everyone does just a little it will turn into a lot!! We have a good radio club with a lot of talent in our ranks and there is nothing that we can't do if we so desire!

I will be looking forward to seeing you at the supper meeting on February 9 at the Golden Corral in Hannibal. Come hungry!

Here is the Repeater Committee that I have appointed for 2008.

K0CA CLIFF  
WOPGL TONY  
W0AJD J.D.  
KBOWIL FRED  
WD9CHG JACK  
K0DFW HOWARD

73s  
Howard, K0DFW



*Around the World*

**DX & Computer Horizons  
February 2008  
by Cliff Ahrens K0CA**

Although our February weather will likely be lousy, the DX in February should be great. Don't miss all the good DX just looking for QSOs in the ARRL CW DX Contest on February 16-18, and the ARRL Phone DX Contest on March 1-3. So bundle up inside where it's warm, and head to the shack for some fun on the HF bands this month. Here's some hot stuff to look for in February.

5X Uganda. Look for Nick G3RWF signing 5X1NH from February 23 to March 22. QSL via home call.

FJ St. Barthelemy. Four Polish hams, SP3IPB, SQ3WN, SP6IXF and SP7VC, plan to operate from both FS St. Martins and FJ St. Barthelemy from February 14 to 27. They will sign FS/ and FJ/ with their home calls.

VP8/G South Georgia. Lars MM0DWF will sign VP8DIF while he is working on South Georgia during February. QSL via DJ9ZB.

T32 Eastern Kiribati. Look for N7OU and W7Yaq on the air between February 12 and 26 from Christmas Island in Eastern Kiribati. They will also be active during the ARRL CW DX Contest.

VP6 Pitcairn Island. During the first week of February, through February 8, JJ8DEN plans to be on the air signing VP6PR from Pitcairn Island. He plans to operate CW, RTTY and PSK31.

Mark the weekend of August 9-10, 2008 on your calendars for the W0DXCC convention and Contest Central in Rochester, MN. The organizers have a great line-up of DX programs and educational seminars. For more information, check out their convention brochure at: <http://www.rarchams.org/W0DXCC%20Newsletter%2001-08.pdf>.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that what appears to be the first sunspot of the next 11-year sunspot cycle was observed on January 3. NOAA experts say that its location and polarity are "clear-cut signs" of a new solar cycle. Although it may be several years before band conditions improve significantly, this is great news for DXers. For the full article, see: [http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2008/20080104\\_sunspot.html](http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2008/20080104_sunspot.html).

W9OL has some very helpful information for DXers on his web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/w9ol/>. He

has an updated IRC and GS Chart showing the number of IRCs or U.S. Dollars (GSs) needed to mail an envelope with QSL to the United States, a DXCC prefix conversion chart, and a USSR prefix conversion table.

Thanks to the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

### **WIARC 2008 License Class**

The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club is set to begin the 2008 licensing class leading to the Technician Class Amateur Radio License. The course will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM beginning January 8, 2008 and will run for ten weeks, concluding with the exam session on March 11.

The classes will be in the Old Administration Building at the Illinois Veterans Home, 1707 N. 12th St. in Quincy. There is no charge for the course, except for the purchase of the text "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, 1st Edition" which will be available at the 1st session for the discount price of \$20.

For more information contact Joe Huie, K2PEY, at 217-222-2754 or via email: [joehu@aol.com](mailto:joehu@aol.com).

**I'm sure that you could attend this class now, and catch up, so don't hesitate to check it out.**

**NET CONTROL OPERATORS**  
**2M 146.625/146.880**

### **FEBRUARY 2008**

4	KB9VIS	BRIAN
11	KBØWIL	FRED
18	WØAJD	JD
25	WØPGL	TONY

Thanks to those of you who volunteer to call the net on Monday evenings. We would like to have more operators participate, so if you are able to call the net, please contact Fred, KBØWIL, and we will add your name to the list.

Also, if any of the members listed are not going to be available, please contact one of the other members to replace you.

**REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CLUB!! BE SURE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES. WE NEED YOU!**



## **W0VCT ESTATE SALE**

Excellent to like new items-Glenn Owned 12-14 Months.

Heil HM-10/5 Mike, CB-1PTT Base, CC-1K  
Kenwood Cord, Box, Inst.    \$150.00

Heil "Quiet Phone Headphones" as new.    \$ 70.00

### Good Condition Items.

Icom SM-8 Desk Mike, one cord, & adaptor for all the  
IC-706 rigs.    \$ 75.00

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